'Handy Didn't Write Them Tunes!'

Finckel Fanned By Raeburn Curve Ball

"Boyd Raeburn threw me a curve," arranger New York—"Boyd Raeburn threw me a curve," arranger dile Finckel admitted when the Beat asked if it were true at Raeburn has been chiseling on royalties due Eddie and, be writer and arranger of Boyd lest Stravinsky, March of the ords and other classics which are instrumental in establishing aburn's rocketing musical repuals to the control of the cont

"Raeburn got 4,000 bucks in dvances from BMI after claimng sole ownership of March of he Boyds and three other numers I wrote, arranged and still win half of," continued Finckel, arrently head note man for uddy Rich.

the big rub isn't the It's that Raeburn has, web. It's that Raeburn has, some reason, been giving pubcredit to George Handy for
ting Boyd Meets Stravinsky,
who of the Boyds and, by imcation, Boyd Meets The Duke,
web Waddle, Two Spoos in an
top, Little Boyd Blue and other
rinals that I wrote and arlied for him when I was on
staff three years ago. All
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m off and put them on transtions and records, exactly as
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Pinckel isn't especially burned thandy, though he feels that torge, who was his successor in a floyd cage, might make a rall struggle to redirect some the undeserved praise heaped on him. Handy, Eddie says, old have enough glory from a fine things he actually did nite for Raeburn.

Skip The Dough, He Says

the man or men behind Raeburn, it's especially anxious to help Finckel explain his role in creat-ing Raeburn's exciting, revolu-

tionary music.

First, the matter of royalties a March of the Boyds and three other tunes of Eddie's: Raeburn, who took a leader's customary "co-author" credit line, sold the music to Broadcast Music, Inc., receiving an advance of several thousand. He admitted Finckel's co-authorship but claimed he had bought out Eddie and was sole owner. (This information is corroborated by a letter in the Beat's possession sent to Eddie by Robert J. Burton of the BMI legal department.)

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Legally, any one of several couthors can receive royalty adances without his partners pardepating. A split is compulsory
my with the royalties actually
amed. Actual earnings, in this
age, are small. Worse, feels
inckel, is Raeburn's misrepreenting the facts to BMI and
hen going on to make records
and transcriptions of the tunes
without giving Finckel credit
lines on the labels and without
correcting the impression that

MCABuysOut Ziggy's Pact

New York—Contract on Ziggy Iman, TD's trumpet star, was urchased from General Artists are, by MCA for an undisclosed mount. Ziggy will leave the bresy band immediately and bein organization of his own composo for debut in the fall.

Handy had done the work.

So much for the royalty incident. Cutting deeper is the general matter of misplaced credits. A case in point is Boyd Meets Stravinsky, Raeburn's most successful platter and the only disc to receive the top "4 Note" award in the Down Beat record review of May 20. In Note magazine for May, '46, Raeburn is credited with the following quotes: "George Handy is writing the greatest music I ever heard... Listen to Boyd Meets Stravinsky and you'll see what Handy and I mean by great music." Sure, only it was written and arranged three years ago by Eddie Finckel.

In the next issue of Doson Beat, Bill Gottlieb will describe in detail the work of Eddie Finckel with Raeburn, Krupa and his present boss, Buddy Rich.

McIntyre Quit Cosmo, Or Not?

New York—Really confusing story hit the gossip centers a fortnight ago when Hal McIntyre manager George Moffett told the Beat Mac was leaving Cosmo Records because that firm was in arrears \$8000 of its \$1000 a week commitment to the band. The day previous a stock issue of 67,500 shares had been oversubscribed. Consensus of opinion was that the company had overexpanded and simply didn't have the cash until the successful issue was floated. the cash until

Moffett added that even if the band were paid off immediately on what was due it, it would not return to the Cosmo fold, feeling the management of the firm unthe management of the firm un-satisfactory for the band's pur-poses. Moffett added that their contract called for the continued presence of Herb Hendler as re-cording director or the contract would terminate, and that they had been approached to walver this clause and had refused.

this clause and had refused.

Hendler when queried by the Beat said that he still liked Mc-Intyre and the band and that any statement would have to come from them—that he was not leaving Cosmo. Hendler added that he intended to limit the firm's band recording activities for the present to Tony Pastor and Bobby Byrne. Byrne will have a release next week of Hymn to the Sun and Hey Bobby.

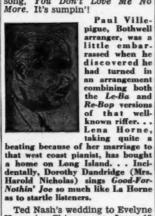
Kelly's Reopens With Allen Crew

New York—June's middle week found Kelly's Stables, famed 52nd street nightery closed for a week with the door signed: "Closed—Gone Fishing for Talent." Gag was a gimick to give the spot a chance to round up a new summer show which it did on the 21st, big banners telling the Street that the Red Allen band (recently at the now-locked, soon-to-be-opened Onyx) and the Stuff Smith Trio were within. Opening night also had Thelma Carpenter and Garland Wilson around to buttress co-owner Ralph Watkins' argument that he really intends to return the Stables to its old stall; swing.





Claude Thornhill band, decided he didn't like the vocal group, and moved out again . . . Margie Stuart, who used to sing with Al Donahue, Joe Reichman and others, became the bride of Harlan Amer Robinson on June 21 lan Amen Robinson on June 21 in Glendale, California . . . Lis-ten for Duke Ellington's new blue song, You Don't Love Me No More. It's sumpin'!



as to startle listeners.

Ted Nash's wedding to Evelyne Hugo in Chicago on June 19 makes it ten married and ten single men in the Les Brown band . . If Victor A. Jackson, disabled vet, will send Down Beat his address we'll tell that instrument manufacturer where to ship the one-handed B-flat clarinet which he ordered in Paris . . Billy Berg, L.A. club owner, reportedly suing Mae West for enticing Harry the Hipster Gibson from his nice warm plano bench to the cold boards of a theater.

Elliot Lawrence not at all salty

theater.

Elliot Lawrence not at all salty with Claude Thornhill, as some believe, but definitely not friendly with fellow Columbia Recording artist Frankie Carle—stemmed from a dance both bands played in Pennsylvania... Betty Bennett out of the Thornhill band and Buddy Stewart's sister, Beverly, reported as the replacement... Baybees have been ordered by the George Townes and the Jack (Les Brown) Haskells.

Haskelts.

Jeep Hammond, John's son, hit by an automobile the other day—nothing broken . . Page 196 of the best seller The Huckster: "One O'Clock Jump ended in a millennial dissonance."

That's what they call tonic chords these days. . Add queer deals: Jerry Gray is signed with Mercury records, recently did a date with Jane Froman for Majestic, and with Margaret Whiting for Capitol, and has been talking with Columbia about Dinah Shore. . Then there's the Ann Hathaway date, done for Keynote at Victor studies by a Columbia recording exee!

John Simmons, bass player at the Three Deuces (NYC), playing I Found A New Baby at a screamer tempo—and beating his foot on the third beat. . . On The Record, Dorothy Thompson's political column, was listed in Editor & Publisher's annual directory of syndicates and features as a music column. . . Sam Donahue will be followed by Ray Anthony at the Rose-

Marion Will Join James



New York—The vocal spot vacated with Harry James by Ginnie Powell when she returns to the Boyd Raeburn hand this month will be filled by Marion Morgan (above), touted by her manager, Tim Gayle, as another Betty Hutton. Marion was featured for many weeks with the Caesar Petrillo orchestra over the CBS network from station WBBM in Chicago.

Blushing Cop Catches Basie Show-For Free

New York—The other day a blushing copper sat quietly rough Count Basie's stage show at the Roxy. They had through Count Basie's stage show at the Roxy. They ha met that afternoon when the Count, chatting with his pre-

a notebook from his pocket to make notations of several appointments. The ever-alert copper put the sleeve on the Count, declaring, "You bookies are getting nervier every day."

Medicathy integranced explain

McCarthy intervened, explain-ng that Basie was merely mak-ng notes and not taking horse ets or numbers.

The officer threatened to run them both in. Then he looked through the notebook. "O-o-ops," he said, "I'm sor-ry!"

He accepted two free tickets.

land (NYC) probably. . . Joe Guy scuffling with wife Billie Holiday, with the Downbeat club refusing him entrance—next night they were eating together amicably at Yank Sing.

Yank Sing.

PeeWee Irwin is rehearsing a 17-piece band with Billy Usher and his wife Pat Cameron on vocals . . . The Lora Jameson on those Bob Chester sides is actually Margle Lewis, assistant to a N.Y. music writer . . . GAC has released John Kirby . . . A national mag phoned the Beat's NYC office the other and asked if Stella Brooks and Billie Holiday really are popular . . . Vaughn Monroe outdrew the Miller-Beneke band early last month in Hershey, Pa., by about 10 cents Add new slogans: "Badler's Elevator Benzedrine — Now You Can Be Higher Than She."

New Herd Group

Detroit—The Velvetones, a singing quintet (four boys, one gal) joined the Woody Herman band ten days ago replacing the Blue Flames quartet.

Bass Player

New York - Carlton Powell, New York—Carlton Powell, brother of drummer Spees Powell and himself bass player in the Herman Chittison Trio, was so badly beaten by police in the East 51st Street station that his condition was marked critical at the Bellevue hospital, where he is recovering.

is recovering.

The beating followed an altercation with a cab driver when Powell left the radio studios after a 2 a.m. re-broadcast and the cabbie demurred about picking him up. Police charge that Powell pulled a knife on the driver, but NAACP representatives, investigating the case, deny this. The musician lost five teeth, received numerous contusions and a probable skull fracture.

Vivien Garry Trio on Cover

Cover subjects for this issue are members of the Vivien Garry Trio, with a firecracker supplying the Fourth of July atmosphere. Vivien, who plays hass, holds the cracker, Wini Beatty, piano, applies the match, and Arvin Garrison, guitar, holds a last minute conversation with last minute conversation with himself as to whether he should stick around or not. The trio is drawing considerable attention at Art Martin's Club Morocco in Hollywood. Pic by Johnay DOWN BEAT

Los Angeles—A verdict of guilty was handed down in case of Lou Fromm, drummer arrested here a while back on a narcotic charge, by Superior Judge Walter S. Gates. The musician's attorney, Thomas Liggins, submitted the case to the court on transcript of evidence produced at the preliminary hearing, at which police officers showed a quantity of a drug said to be heroin and supplies for administering it. They asserted that the evidence was in Fromm's possession when arrested at his apartment Feb. 11.

Fromm, who has been at liberty under bond, appeared to be stunned by the verdict and even more stunned when he was promptly led from the court room to Los Angeles county jail. Sentence was to be announced



Lou Fromm

July 2. The minimum is 90 days, the maximum 10 years in San

the maximum 10 years in San Quentin.

Probation is not allowed under the California law covering pos-session of narcotics. However, Fromm's attorney filed an application for probation because he believes the resultant investiga-tion of the drummer's personal character will show reasons for

a light sentence or early parole.
Bill Cavanaugh has replaced
Fromm in the Harry James band.

Jimmy Dorsey Picks His Spots

New York—Jimmy Dorsey advised his agents, GAC, to pass up booking at the 400 Restaurant booking at the 400 Restaurant for an engagement at the Hotel Pennsylvania for less dough, stating that he figured more prestige at the latter spot. He also nixed work at the Hotel New Yorker, asking for an October date at the Meadowbrook in New Jersey.

Well, Old Mellorooney and Puttee-Puttee!



Hollywood—Not since Cab Calloway burst forth with his hi-de-hi and other scat phrases has a jivester created such a sensation as the eement-mixing Slim

Gaillard, seen here with the other members of his trio, bass-playing Tiny Brown and Scatman Car-ruthers.

Leonard Sues Nat Cole Gets **New Ork Set**

Los Angeles—Leonard Sues, trumpet-playing ork front featured on Eddie Cantor airshow for past season, debuts new dance band at Ciro's when Sunnunced in the Reat last Mary Blvd. swankery re-opens

Set Bivd. swankery re-opens July 3.

Sues, whose only previous ap-pearance with a dance combo was with a small group at a Val-ley nitery, is using five brass (not counting leader), four saxes, four fiddles and three rhythm. Book is largely by Al Sendrey and Heinie Beau.

Sues entered profession as a kid solo star playing vaude and nitery work. If ork is successful he may not return to radio next fall. He's booking via MCA.

Cugat Only Pop **Bowl Concert**

Los Angeles—As it stands now, only concession to "popular" taste on the books as part of the regular Hollywood Bowl summer concerts this year will be an evening of Latin-American music to be presented by Xavier Cugat on Aug. 31.

Cugat will use the regular Hollywood Bowl orchestra at full sympho size with a unit of his own ork added for certain numbers.

James Band At Asbury Park

New York—Marking one of only three appearances in the east this summer, Harry James opened two nights ago at Convention Hall, Asbury Park, N. J., and has six more days to go. The trumpeter is knocking down a guarantee of \$3500 a night for these dates.

Tells Mac About Bananas

New York—We don't know where Hal McIntyre's press agent got the bananas. We haven't even got any IN the refrigerator. Maybe Elsa Chiquita Banana Miranda, more luscious than the fruit she sings about, brought them along when she came to pose with the band leader. Anyhow, here y'are, McIntyre, bananas, Miranda, take your

His Trio Set

New York—The King Cole Trio's fall concert tour, first announced in the Beat last March, is slowly emerging from the dream stage. Nat has already finished writing seven minutes of the eight-minute piece de resistance, Concerto For Three, title number for the entire series. Though each concert performance will last two hours, Nat is only mildly perturbed about pacing his material sufficiently to avoid monotony. "After all," he explained, "I've heard lone singers and pianists hold down a stage for a couple of hours without the crowd beating the curtain to the draw. See how much more variety we should be able to produce with three men."

Though the Trio will feature a few vocals, most of the material now being especially written for the concert will be "serious lazz." Marvin Fisher, Frank Comstock and Frankle Laine have already begun to write material to augment Cole's originals.

"Much of the work." Nat re-

Ten Years Ago This Month

July, 1936

July, 1936

Jack Hylton returned to England after ten months in this country, and his band scattered killed on July 16 in the crash of a plane which he was piloting near Beverly, Mass., leaving his bride of two months, Gloria Grafton . . . The Robbins music firm took \$42,700 from ASCAP for the quarter, a record amount at that time.

Ozzie Nelson and his band were playing at the Palmer House in Chicago, with Joy Hodges subbing for Harriet Hilliard, who was waiting for That Bird . . . Eddie Condon and Joe Marsala formed a small combo for the Hickory House on 52nd Street, where they were to be succeeded by Farley and Riley, who were trying to explain why the music wasn't going 'round and 'round any more.

Earl Hines was knocked unconscious in a bus crash near Baltimore, but there were no serious casualties among the band . . . Hugues Panassie named Bud Freeman as one of the greatest hot musicians of all time . . . George Hall rounded out his seventh year at the Taft hotel in Manhattan, a record which Vincent Lopez is creeping up on today . . And Ace Brigode drew 57,786 persons to the General Motors Exhibit at the Texas Centennial on July 4.

Bi-Weekly

Since the first of the year Down Beat has been publishing bi-weekly instead of semi-monthly, but reports from readers and dealers indicate that many still are under the impression that it still is published on the first and fifteenth of each month! Look for Down Beat at your favorite news stand every other Monday. It may be a day later in some locations, due to problems of distribution, but you'll find it every other week, usually on the same day!

Chubby Plans **New Band To** Tour Schools

New York—Chubby Jackson, ex-Herman Herd bassist, is resting and playing ball at his Freeport, L. I., home while formulating plans for his coming tour of the country's schools with a 19-piece band.

The Chub's band plans include a reed section doubling everything but kazoos and four bass trumpets replacing the usual trombone section. Arrangements will be by George Handy with

tunes, too, of course. And some jazz rhumbas. There's a lot to Latin American music that's like our hot music in spirit. I don't mean the rhumbas and congas played by typical Latin American orchestras but the authentic stuff. Like Miguelito Valdes' singing or some records I once stuff. Like Miguelito Valdes' singing or some records I once heard of a back-woods Brazilian woman who sang in a high voice with just drums behind her. That was IT."

Recorded on Capitol but not yet released are two numbers planned for the concert, Rhumba a la King and Chant of the Blues.

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Blues.

No dates for the tour are set; but with the King Cole Trio at the crest, they should have little trouble hitting the country's top concert stages . . . Washington's



ot of the King Cole Trio made by joining column Bill writes about New York—Here is a rehearsal shot of the Bill Gottlieb, Beat staffer. In an adjoining et Nat Cole's interest in Latin-American music.

Savino Nixes MGM Bid For **Robbins Piece**

New York—Latest development in the MGM control purchase of the Big-3 music publishing company stock has the film company waving big bills at Dominico Savino, music editor for the firm, who holds 9 percent of the company's stock. Savino told Down Beat that he wanted a quarter of a million for his slice of the firm.

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"MGM offered me much less than that," he said, "but I'm giving them a flat no for an

giving them a flat no for an answer."

MGM now owns more than 75 percent of the Big-3 firm following the recent buy-up of Jack Robbins' 27 percent (Down Beat, June 3, '46).

Under MGM control, the firm will devote more of its effort to popular music with less emphasis on standards and educational material. Due to this trend. Savino has decided to tender his resignation as an active member of the firm and will handle only important assignments in the

of the firm and will handle only important assignments in the standard and educational divisions. He may tie up with another firm if agreeable terms can be arranged, Savino said.

Robbins, since he left Big., has been seen making many eyecatching moves in the business. First was to set up with English publisher Reg Connelly a British and a Yankee firm to handle tunes on both sides of the pond at the same time. Others include the-up publishing firms with band leaders and a world-wide distributing and sales outlet for these firms.

music by Ellington, Strayhom, Burns and other arrangers fea-

Jackson told the Beat that the Jackson told the Beat that the financial returns from his own model bass have given him comparative long-green independence for the present and that he wants to really go after presenting American music and arrangments as he thinks it should be done. Booker for the propose tour was not set at press time. He intends inviting Alexis Reit to accompany the band to give all the sidemen regular instruction in harmony and theory so that at the end of a year's time, he will have the best prepet group of musicians in the construction working with him.

Onyx Club Reopens

New York—Onyx club, we known jivery shuttered here is month for narcotics trouble, we re-open late this month with new group headed by Lou Ome attorney-manager of Billie Hoday, fronting. Entertainment is not set at press time. day, fronting. Entertain policy is not set at press

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Old Union Rule Hits Young Bands

by Bill Gottlieb THE POSER:

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Three chirpers and a leader.





Blackout.

Seeme 2: Followed sound of mysterious drum beats floating over the still, quiet air of Sheridan Square. They spelled out: "J. G. Heard, eurrently appearing thrice nightly at C af e Society." Arrested the Heard wixt triple and quadraple paradiddle. "Should girl band vocalists," I queried, "ing, too?" "Too?" he repeated, questioningly. "I haven't keard the tune; but I don't see why a girl couldn't sing Too if the trangement is in her key. Is it BMI or ASCAP? Send over a lead sheet and I'll try to program Too. If Down Beat is behind the tune, it must be good." Mop!

Thence to Seventh Ave's Aquari-



Thence to Seventh Ave's Aquarium to rest mine eyes on Doris Day and put the question to her.

"Girl band vocalists should sing," was her judgment, "but only in moderation. Look at the opera singers. They sing all the time and look at 'em. If I sing too much, it'll rain my figure, and then I'll have to sing too much. Figure it out for yourself."

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Colonna's Brothers Open Penna. Spot

New York—Jerry Colonna's brothers, Red and Louis, are all set to open a swank new spot called Colonna Park, 10 miles from Easton, Pa., on Route 29. Spot boasts a 285' by 155' swimming pool, and Bud Freeman has the inside track for the band spot.

Honor Glenn Miller Band



Pottstown, Pa.—All members of the Glenn Miller orchestra were aworn into the Air Force Association here, and the unit was made the official band of the association. Ceremony was conducted by General Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the USAAF, seen here with Tex Beneke (left), leader, and Don W. Haynes (right), manager. All other squadrons of the association are numbered, but this one will be designated as the Glenn Miller Squadron.

Well, Fellows, He's Now A Program Director! New York—"Oh, brother! What's this guy yapping about? I remember him when he'd even wear a lampshade before shows to get the yacks. Oh, brother!" The following AP stint brought the above comment recently from some musicians sitting around from some musicians sitting some musicians sitting around from some musicians sitting some musicians sitting some m

Atlanta, Ga.? Hmmm, **Never Heard of It!**

New York—Sunny Skylar, scripter of Atlanta, Ga., recently was stopped for speeding in the city of the same name, explained to the local cops that he had authored the tune bearing the name of their town.

"Sure," answered the cops, "and



Sunny Skylar

from some musicians sitting around the Beat office here. HOLLYWOOD, June 17.—Synthetic screaming of hepeats at the start of radio programs featuring dance bands was raised for the Mutual Network today. "It's ridiculous to hear screaming and yelling just because a band starts playing its theme song," said charles Buolett Jr., program director. He also forbid announces east from attempting to be written into their script. Br. Buletti said announcements would be short and simple. "He was directing the Coca Cola show last year when we swung around the west coast," the guys added, "and before the broadcast he and Jackson Wheeler used to stand on their heads to get laughs as an audience warm-up. And they'd wave their arms like mad to get the kids screaming. "The day he made this statement," they concluded, "he should have stood in bed." Atlanta Column and simple. "The day he made this statement," they concluded, "he should have stood in bed." Atlanta Column and simple with good mit of the Spotlite. And street was directled. And Re-bop Dixieland And Re-bop Dixieland And Re-bop New York—"If the cops hadn't stopped me, I'd have blo Dizzy right out of the Spotlite." That's the way moustached, roly-poly Georg Brunis plained it. It happened recently when Georg, who fronts in only Dixieland band on 52nd street, swung his gang into High Society and marched them off the Spotlite." To west Coast New York—Eddie Condon at the watchdog, Ernie Anders incited the boys to greater heights. On the second chorus incited the boys to greater heights. On the second chorus and as they passed the bar a near the checkroom where they usually turn the parade back to the Norm McClode, MGM production of the Spotlite." Dixieland And Re-bop New York-"If the cops hadn't stopped me, I'd have blown

New York—"If the cops hadn't stopped me, I'd have blown Dizzy right out of the Spollite."

That's the way moustached, roly-poly Georg Brunis explained it. It happened recently when Georg, who fronts the only Dixieland band on 52nd street, swung his gang into High Society and marched them off the stand to make their regular nightly parade through Jimmy Ryan's.

The heat of the night and the spirit and spirits of the patrons incited the boys to greater heights. On the second chorus and as they passed the bar near the checkroom where they usually turn the parade back to the stand, inspiration smote them. Playing hotter than an otter, Georg and the gang just swung right out the door and across the sidewalk. The angle of their tack would have led them right into the Spotlite club—cathedral of re-bop, where Dizzy Gillespie ordains his more modern hierarchy.

But at midstreet the parade of jazz was re-routed. Strong-arm men of Sgt. Hymle Hofstatter's cabaret gendarmerle U-turned the hardy little group, sending them on their merry way back into Ryan's—thus ending what might have been one of the greatest battles of bands since the days of New Orleans.

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"We were plenty hot that night," Brunis said, "and if the good-natured coppers hadn't stopped us, we'd have breezed right into the Spotlite and blown High Society all over Diz' crowd."

with Brunis at Ryan's and Wild Bill Davison being booked into Thurlow Waters' Keyboard across the street, close observers are speculating on the outcome should Dixieland get a firm footing in its infiltration of 52nd street.

It could be the street's swing turnabout.

we wrote The Star Spangled had wired ahead for, was told there was no, NO space at the inn.

Later, at a local hotel, Skylar requested the room his manager

He slept in his car.

Atlanta, Ga.

Limit On Backers Drives Cash Out Of Biz, Says Alexander

By MICHAEL LEVIN

York-"Regardless of its original good intent, the AFM's law restricting any personal manager to 5 percent of the contract price above scale is driving legitimate money out of the band field, and making it extremely difficult for a new band to get started."

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a new band to get started."

That statement comes from Willard Alexander, who piloted Goodman to the top while at MCA, and since then did the same for Yaughn Monroe and Count Basic before leaving the Morris agency. He is now also associated with the Ray McKinley and Sam Donahue hands.

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cians now can figure to lose \$500 a week to begin with.

Gamble Too Risky

"That means very often a good \$10,000 into the red before any profit starts to show—and then the backer is supposed to take it out at the rate of 5 percent. It's neither natural or normal to expect this kind of small return for what is obviously a very risky gamble.

"A stockmarket operator expects more return than this for risking a large investment, and his profit is recognized as a legitimate return for the chance he took—but under present regulations, a man can't gamble at all in the music field—because he can't get return for his dicethrowing. The result is that young bands today are having a dickens of a time getting the backing which will make it possible for them to stick until they click.

Scale Is Protection

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"The law was originally passed several years ago, both at the instigation of the booking offices and the union. The AFM sincerely meant to protect the interests of its member-musicians. The booking offices were afraid of the type of operation conducted by the Shribman brothers in New England, who at that time were concerned with the Glenn Miller, Woody Herman, Artie Shaw, Claude Thornhill, Charlie Spivak, and other bands. "The Morris office, whose band department I headed, was the only office to fight the resolution, and I still feel I was right. The union need be concerned only with the fact that its members are making the desired scales under the best working conditions.

Tough On New Bands

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"Who makes the profits above those figures and how they are split concerns not the AFM, but the individual leader and his backers. I admit that the AFM acted in the best of faith in passing the resolution—but I think it's obvious today that new bands are being harmed by a resolution set up to protect them. Until some modification is made in it, they are going to face tough sledding."

The resolution and by-law Alexander is referring to are to be found on page 92 of the 1945 AFM Constitution, Article X, Sec. 52, and standing resolution 58, page 205. Officials of the AFM when queried about Alexander's viewpoint, stated that they felt without question that whatever difficulty in financing the rule might bring, that it definitely protected most bands against exploitation by offices and that SR 58 specifically provides that a leader may borrow monies so long as he doesn't pay more than 10 percent interest return in one year or repay more than 25 percent of the total sum borrowed as interest or bonus.

Eberle At La Conga

New York—Ray Eberle, former Glenn Miller singer, out of the army a few weeks, opened here ten days ago at the La Conga, nitery.



Hollywood—Pert, petite Phyllis Lynne is singing with Bob Crosby and his Bobeats on the west coast. A native of San Francisco, Phyllis has vocalized with Russ Morgan, Vaughn Mon-roe, Frankie Carle and Jan Savitt.

Donahue a Diller For Dancers

Ex-Navyite's Combo First **Two-Beat Rocker Since** Lunceford's '36 Outfit

Trumpets: Billy Marshall(*), Mitchell Paul(*), Lyman Vunk, Ralph Osborne
Trombones: Dick Le Fave(*-), Tak Takverian(*-), Kenny Meisel(*), Harry De Vite
Reeds: Bill Nichel(*-), Paul Petrilla(*), Harry Peterson(*), altos; George Perry,
baritone; Mike Kriseman(*), tenor
Rhythm: Bob Du Rant, piano; Johnny Chance, bass; Harold Hahn(*), drums
Vocalists: Bill Lockwod(*-) and Mynell Allen
Arrangers: Charlie Shirley(*) and Bob Du Rant
Leader, tenor sax, frumpet, and arranging: Sam Donahue
In Donahue's (*-) Navy or (*) pre-war band

New York-Slickster dancers at the Roseland Ballroom here are being treated to something they haven't heard in ten years, but with modern trappings added: a band selling itself on the tremendous lift of a two beat rock, instead of the

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itself on the tremendous lift of itself on the tremendous the series of the one of the best of the old Lunceford days, is educating New Yorkers to the society band adage: if it ain't got that bounce, the business men won't like it.

Donahue however divests the two-beat of all its non-musicianly traits, and parades a unit that for sheer enthusiasm, conception, and danceability is a front runner.

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ing night were slight wobbles in ing night were slight wobbles in the trumpets due to some new replacements, a few wrong changes from the plano chair, and a miserable PA system, which made it impossible to tell more about vocalists Lockwood and Allen other than that they phrase well

and Allen other than that they phrase well.
When the band's budget can stand it, a guitar will help enormously, as will a little more concentration on prettiness in some of the ballads. But as Roseland boss Lou Brecker said, this band has more lift to it right now than anything he's heard in a long, long while—and in this day and age of "the riff on to infinity", that's a welcome and saleable relief.

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consider) good arrangements, but in easily danceable tempos. In fact he has summed up the band and for what it stands so thoroughly that it's impossible for me to amend the write-up. Thanks a million to Mike and Down Beat for the help they've given us."

Auld's Band Into Chi Club

New York—When Georgie Auld brings his new band into the El Grotto in Chicago he'll have a line-up that will include June Davis on vocals, five saxes, four trumpets, three trombones and three rhythm

trumpers, three trombones and three rhythm.

The Chicago date, opening of which was June 28, will be preceded by a concert and a dance date in Detroit and a series of one-nighters in Michigan and Ohio.

Ohio.
Personnel at press time: Al Porcino, Buddy Colaneri, Dick Smith, Sunny Rich, trumpets; Mike Datz, Jack Carmen, Russ Sonjou, trombones; Gene Zano-ni, Danny Zitman, Walter Bett-man, Al Cohn, Art Foster, saxes; Art Mardigan, drums; Joe Pelli-cane, bass, and Harvie Leonard,

plano.
Peculiar twist is that Pellicane was formerly with Auld, but as a pianist. No one knew he was a bassman until he asked to play the bass score of an original tune of his—this he did so well that they kept him in the slot. Auld records for Musicraft and may head west following his Chicago date to be on hand to fill a Columbia picture commitment in October.

Here's Long Hair With Crew Cut

New York—Shades of Rodzinski. Here's a long hair with a crew cut. Maurice Abravanel, Greek-born conductor who led a recent Carnegie Hall all-Tschaikovsky "Pop" concert, called jazz "healthy for the growing child" and praised Frank Sinatra as "not only a good musician, but one who used his popularity as a healthful influence on the youngsters of today, as with his The House I Live In. I respect him as a serious musician."

The refreshing statements were made before a meeting of 45 Police Athletic League directors in New York. Abravanel told the group he feels that jazz develops an appreciation of rhythm, inherent in all music. And, so help us, he stated that it's better for children to hear jazz than to be "dragged to concerts at too early an age" in order to be force-fed a love for "good music." —got

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Switches in the Buddy Rich band include ex-Hermania Marky Markowitz replacing Bit-sit Mullens on jazz trumpet; Jack Shepard taking Carl Warwich's fourth trumpet chair with Cal Ilardi, fifth trumpet, dropped. Bassist Chubby Phillips replaced Joe Shulman; altois Harvey Persky replaced Let Clark; and lead trombonia Morty Bullman out. Mario Donne Harvey Persky replaced Le Clark; and lead tromboni Morty Bullman out. Mario Doans fourth tram, took over the lea chair, with Jack Lamendal coming in on fourth tram.

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Lou McGarity has left Benny Goodman and will take his trae and himself to the west coast. Juli Rubin, formerly on the ABC stadistaff, has joined BG on alto.

Ray Paulson, arranger for Ray Anthony, took Duke Pulanski's trombone chair as Ed Stebal replaced Bob Rohner on guitar and Bill Johnson replaced Tom Randall on vocals.

Mickey Scrima.

Mickey Scrima, ex-Harry Mickey Scrima, ex-Harry James drummer, was replaced by George Jenkins, recently with Lionel Hampton, in the Charlie Barnet band. Jimmy Pupa, lead trumpet, and Johnny McAfee, vocalist and baritone saxist, are additions to the band.

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Lineup for the new Johnsy Bothwell band: Andy Paston, Johnny Raffa, Eddie Edell, Mart Carmen, and Jack Agee, sans, bick Kenney, Herb Randel, Tsuy Klenn, trombones; John Dillinger, Marty Bell, Paul Zeichter, and Pete Carlisi, trumpets; Micky D'Aquino, drums; Danny Martned, bass; Buddy Eanelli, piane; Paul Villipique, arranger; Don Darey, Claire Hogan, Marty Bell, vesa, and Bothwell, front and sax.

New with the Jimmy Dorsey

New with the Jimmy Dorsey cis and trombonist Bob Alexan-

der.
George Kelly into Rex Stewart's band replacing Pazus Simon on tenor. Kelly was formerly with the Savoy Sultans.
Gil Franklin, vocalist, in for Bob Thomas in the Frankli Carle band.
Roy Harte, drummer, cutting out for the umpteenth time from the Lucky Millinder band.

Boots Mussilli, lead alto, the Stan Kenton crew to Powell band.

Posell band.

Sam Gety new tenor saxist with Herbie Fields crew.

Karen Rich is new gal vocalist with Bobby Byrne, replacing Peggy Coffey.

Betty Clark and Tommy Ryse (not one with Sammy Kaye) into Chuck Foster band as vocalists.

Joe Bushkin in at the Conden Club for the alling Jimmy Johnson, planist.

Max Kaminsky took over Bobby Hackett trumpet position while the Casa Loma band was at the Paramount theater (NYC). Robert just wanted a rest.

Tex Beneke Signed For 400 Club In Fall

New York—The Glenn Miller-Tex Beneke band was signed her two weeks ago to open at the 400 club here, feather-cap mat-rial for GAC, as the band, a larg-one, has an unusually sizeahe nut, making it hard to spot an locations. Previous to that the band will work a series of south-ern dates for promoter Ralph Weinberg starting November 25 and running through December 7. Price is \$3,000 guarantee 1 night against a 60 percent over-age.



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By Michael Levin

Took some people to Cafe Society Downtown last week to hear Sarah Vaughan, first singer to distract the musicians from Ella Fitzgerald, Mildred Balley, and Billie Holiday in some time. Last time I had heard her, she took it Might As Well Be Spring and made it say "uncle" in 17 different phrases before quitting to tumultous applause.

This night, while she sang very nicely. Sarah stuck strictly to the melodic line, and it sounded to me as though not too much were happening. Various of the hangers-on at the spot insist it was because the manage ement



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sist it was because the manage the manage ment to stay with the melody and not go trottling off on those fantastic plano phrases of hers, which confuse the customers and amaze the band. Bud Johnson, the tenor man, especially has himself a ball playing follow-up figures to her phrases.

Whatever the management said or demanded, if it did, it must be murder to sing as well as Sarah can and then be expected to do it every song every show every night. Nobody can invent fresh ideas all the time—and when she relapses into just conventionally good singing, it sounds barren in contrast, when actually she still is singing more than 30 percent of the vocalists around. There must be times when mediocrity is bliss too.

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Much the same idea hits you when you walk around on 52nd street these days. The big fashion is to have a small unit with one soloist featured all the time and playing at least two choruses out of every tune. Not only that but because of the haphaz-



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That's what the folks still call this talented blonde vocalist in her home town of Decatur, Illinois. She started a ing ing with a jobbing band there when on 1y 13 and stayed with it for four years, finally convincing herself that she couldn't sing society style stuff. Her first big chance came with the Boyd Raeburn band when it was playing at the Band Box in Chicago, but a siege of scarlet fever interfered and the ork had to leave town without her. After singing with Benny Strong awhile and later at Ye Oide Cellar on Michigan, she got the opportunity to follow Anita O'Day as vocalist with a name band. You will know how capably she filled this difficult spot when we tell you that you recognize this fine canary as:

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Picks 'Fine Brown Frame'



New York—Buddy Johnson, band leader, poses with the three winners of the "Fine Brown Frame" contest which he held recently at the Savoy ballroom in Harlem. Miriam Goggins, 19, (center) was winner, with Mary Waller (right), second, and Juanita Tharrington (left) in third place.

Seen sitting at one table the other night at the Johnny Bothwell opening were the John Benson Brooks and the Irving Niles. Brooks is the top-notch arranger for the Randy Brooks band, while Duke Niles insinuates Mutual Music's tunes into band books. Subject for comment of everybody in the room though were the two wives also there: Thana Niles and Helen Brooks. Such dressing and looks have seldom been seen in the music business. I am here to state as an unmarried man I glare greenly at Messrs. Niles and Brooks.

Somewhere around New York City at this point either in or under an ancient Rolls-Royce is one of the classiest little trumpet players of the older school. Said horn-man, Johnny Windhurst, played for a while at Jimmy Ryan's with Danny Alvin's band, and has nixed offers from such bands as Ray McKinley's because his reading isn't fast enough. This is strictly a crying shame since he plays the tastiest style of Hackett and Armstrong influence combined you have heard in many months. Pay-off to the tale is that Wind-

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ard way in which most of the little bands on the Street are put together, there very seldom are any arrangements or even the semblance of pre-arranged figures.

The result is that a star like Ben Webster during his half hours on the stand is playing consistent solos all the way through a very long evening. The greatest can't keep'em coming under that kind of pressure—not without respite and a boot from other guys around them—and no matter how good, a rhythm section isn't enough.

All this may explain why some of the records and some of the little bands don't always sound as well as you might want them to—strange as it may seem, the guys are playing to much.

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They Caged the Canary, It Cost Her 15 Bucks

New York—The cab meter ticked past \$10 and the cabby squirmed in his seat. Three hours in front of a building is a long wait. Ella Fitzgerald, the swing canary, had stepped out of the cab three hours earlier saying, "I'll be right out—

please wait."

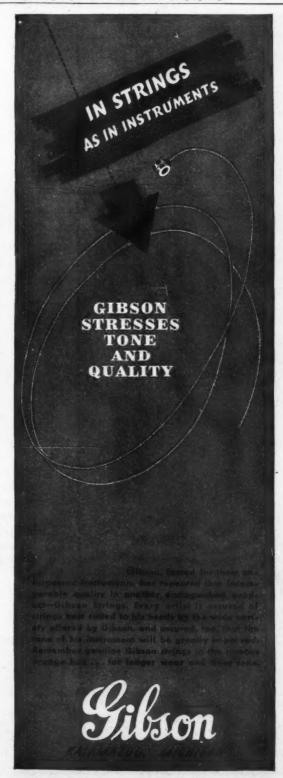
Studios Lure Sympho Men

Los Angeles — The Southern California Symphony association, sponsor of Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra, is facing tough sledding in efforts to maintain high standard of musicianship in the sympho unit, due to recent boost in studio salaries.

Several prominent first chair men, among them Kurt Reher, first cello; and Henri De Busscher, oboe; were among those who left the Philharmonic recently to sign movie contracts. More than a dozen key men have answered the call of studio contractors, now able to offer about \$7,000 per year as a mini-

She'd gone into the building to sign final papers for a series of radio guest appearances. But that was three hours earlier. Why the delay?

delay?
Facts were that Ella, after completing her business, stepped into the elevator to return to the cab and her next show at the Apollo when midway between the 22nd and 21st floor the car stopped. And that caged the canary.
But, the cabby waited and picked up a \$5 tip—15 buck total!
Ella missed the show. Would have been cheaper missing the elevator.



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Boyd Raeburn Into Hollywood **Club With Band**

Hollywood — The newly reorganized 19-piece Boyd Raeburn band was signed to their first Hollywood date with a June 27 opening at Vine street's Morocco club. The deal is a unique one that gives the operators of the Morocco, who also control the swank Trocadero, an option on the band for six months. If the band clicks at the Morocco, the plan is to shift the unit to the Sunset blvd. Trocadero.

The new Raeburn band, devel-

Sunset bivd. Trocadero.

The new Raeburn band, developed here for recording and transcription work, contains four trumpets, three trombones, two French horns, six reeds (with Raeburn on bass sax), four rhythm. Raeburn expected to have the same key men and solo stars with him at the Morocco that he has used on his Jewel record dates, among them pianist Dodo Marmarosa, drummer Dodo Marmarosa, drummer Jackie Mills, trumpetman Ray Linn, trombonist Britt Woodman and tenor saxist Ralph Lea. Ginnie Powell and David Allyn

To enlarge the bandstand to accommodate the 19-piece band, the Morocco had to be almost completely remodelled.

Plan No Dancery

Los Angeles — Trade paper yarns to effect they would open a ballroom here in which "swing bands and jitterbug dancing would be strictly taboo" were denied by Veloz and Yolanda, nationally known dance team, when queried on plan by Down Beat.

Perry's in the Middle!



Hollywood—Looks like Harry James and trombonist Juan Tizol have Perry Como surrounded, so he'll probably give a plug to their new tune, Zansibar, if they have to twist his arm. Don George wrote the lyries to the James-Tizol number, and Juan has waxed it for Keynote with his own small combo. James and his crew left June 23 for the east.

MGM Records Ready By Fall

Los Angeles—MGM's phonograph record subsidiary, first direct entry to platter business by a movie concern, will be shipping records by September or October at latest, according to Dick Powers, head of studio music department who returned to Hollywood recently from confabs in east with Frank Walker, head of film firm's platter plant.

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Powers said it was unlikely the Lion label, assumed by music in-

dustry to be trade mark under which records would appear, would be adopted. He said more likely label would be simply MGM records.

Union To Scan Contracts On Slim Gaillard

Los Angeles—Various claimants to contractual ties with Slim Gaillard, who have bobbed up since Vine Street's hippest character flashed to fame with Cement Mixer and other daffy ditties, have turned mix-up over to AFM heads in New York to untangle.

Looks like Victor platter con-tract set by William Morris Agency will get the nod over pacts set with smaller firms here by Gaillard himself.

by Gaillard, who is assisted by Tiny Brown, bass, and Sherman ("Seat Man") Carruthers, drums, now draws top billing at Billy Berg's Vine Street hottery, where he opened over a year ago as unsung intermission attraction.

Old Job Back or **Cash For Claim**

has developed here in demand of Johnny Huddleston, former member and asserted founder of the Pied Pipers vocal unit that he be re-instated as a member or handed cash settlement for his

handed cash settlement for his interest in vocal group.
Huddleston was a member of Pied Pipers when he was inducted into military service. He was released last February and contends that he is legally entitled under "G.I. Bill of Rights" to resume membership in Pipers.
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to resume membership in Pipers. Spokesman for Pipers said that they felt it would be detrimental to their work to break up present combination. They have offered Huddleston \$100 per week for one year plus his share of records made while he was still a member and certain other considerations. Singer was said to be holding out for the 10 grant siderations. Singer was said to be holding out for flat 10 grand.

Bing About Ready To Wax Shows For G. M.

Hollywood—Well founded report along Radio Row was that Bing Crosby would return to the air this fall under the General Motors banner. Shows for GM would probably follow format established during Crosby's long stint for Kraft with John Scott Trotter handling music. Only departure would be a new set-up by which the airers will be put on transcription platters.

'Double Rhythm' Band Gets Location Test

Los Angeles—King Guion, who has caught eyes of music business by forming ork featuring two basses, two drummers and two guitarists, goes on his first location date July 8 at Salt Lake City's Rainbo Randevu. Understood MCA will unleash all-out build-up for Guion if unusual combo clicks with crowds there as it has on one-niters in this territory.

Ex-Piper Wants LOS ANGELES

KEYSPOTTING: Frankie Carle off to a big start at Palladium with heavy turn-out at opening of movie names, also of many pals of Frankie's daughter Margie, who grew up here and who now holds vocal spot with band. Margie's husband, Huge Backenstoe, plays plano in the band (successfully defying legend that family affairs and music business won't mix). With Pee Wee Hunt's fine little Dixie band atternating with Frankie's the Palladium is putting up a strong bill. Monday nites there's Opbill. Monday nites there's Opbill. Monday nites there's opbill. Monday nites there's opperaised combo. This scribbler remembers when there were not that many listenable bands in all of Hollywood.

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The Meadowbrook will return to full-time operation with Stan Kenton's opening July 9. . . Deany Beckner, who played the Aragon as a bandleader, is back there doing a single (comedy anties or something) while Lawrence Well and Nick Cochrane orks continue to split the bandstand assignment.

split the bandstand assignment.

Opie Cates makes the column twice this time; he landed the Tuesday ("off nite") spot at the Avodon as Henry Busse succeed-d Jan Garber and Bobby Sherwood. Barney McDevitt, Avodon's chief worrier, after shopping for trio or quartet as intermission unit ended by buying D'Varga (Johnny Anderson) to do a soio piano stint between dances, an interesting experiment in dancery policy.

A fanfare to the Red Callender Trio, which we heard in a long-delayed visit to the Rite Spot, eatery in Glendale, James M. Cain's Glendale of Mildred Pierce. Red has excellent musicians in Lucky Enois, guitar, and George Salisbury, piano, recently of Kansas City (and the old Jay McShann band). George was a discovery of Fran (Fran-Ions Records) Kelly and is making good in a big way here. It's difficult to be distinguished in a field dominated by the King Cole Trio, but Callender Trio has something the King Cole hant—Red Callender on bass (and we're not trying to disparage Johnny Miller). A fanfare to the Red Callen

Ted Yerxa has moved his Sudday Jazz Sessions to the Tom Tom, a snug little hottery which will henceforth be known as the Rounders' Club. . . . Here's good news for everyone. Errol Garner is back on the job at the Suny-Q

With opening of Benny Casta's band Swing Club dropped ell rate restrictions except that berning "mixed dancing". Enforcement of the latter resulted in couple of enbarrassing incidents, one involving a well known musician.

a well known musician.

Eddie Heywood, at Troc's King Cole Room, has set-up similar to that he formed here last year-two trombones (Dickenson and Coker), one sax (Erwin Powell), trumpet (Leonard Hawkins), bass (Ermie Sheppard), drums (Bill Purnell). . . Troc did not close its large room, which has been housing Eddie Olive society ork, as planned. Reason: Entertainer Arthur Blake refused to work in the King Cale



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Salesmen With Coming Album

Los Angeles — Check-up on Artie Shaw's recent activities for Musicraft indicates the Bad Boy of the bandleaders has come to terms with the sales department. There is nothing adventuresome about album of Cole Porter standards in which "Artie Shaw and His Orchestra" support singers Kitty Kallen, Teddy Walters, Mel Torme and the Meltones.

ters, Mel Torme and the Meltones.

Shaw used different orchestral combinations, selecting size and type of instrumentation he felt was best adapted to the song to be done. Largest group was a do-piece unit containing no brass and consisting of 12 violins, four violas, four cellos, three basses (string), five saxes doubling clarinets, two bassoons, one oboe, flute and four French horns. Set-up of conventional swing band type was used on some numbers. Orks were organized for Shaw by Dave Klein.

Looks like Shaw is turning out neat batch of musicianly, marketable platters, which, though they won't move the collectors, will move rapidly over the sales counters.

Shaw Delights | Corwin Opens **LA Sepia House**

LA Sepia House

Los Angeles—Theater interests headed by Sherrill Corwin (Orpheum, Million Dollar) take over the Lincoln, Central ave. house, officially July 8 with the Ink Spots, Eddie Vinson ork, Ida James and other entertainers, plus white stars from stage and screen who are donating services to aid the several Negro social service organizations receiving box-office proceeds.

Corwin plans to play top-bracket Negro bands and entertainers at the Lincoln, is located in the sepia section, but will also use a good percentage of white talent in the house. Jimmie Lunceford was slated to headline bill week of July 16. Ellington and Hampton have already been pencilled in for dates later in season.

Summer Airers **Heavily Music**

Hollywood—Hoagy Carmichael will guest the first Ford Festival of American Music, June 30, over ABC. Time is 8 to 9 P.M. EDT. The show, which emanates from here, has Matty Malneck and fiddle slated for the following week, with dickerings under way for Woody Herman, Benny Goodman and other top swing names. Leigh Harline, RKO musical director, leads the regular orchestra.

Don Jones Fronts

New York—Don Jones, former Vaughn Monroe trombonist, has his new band at the Washington Inn, on the Boston Post road, in Mamaroneck. Betty Mooney is the band's singer, and George Fragos is arranger and featured planist.

Trector, leads the regular orchestra.

Rhapsody in Rhythm, the summer replacement for Meet Me At Parky's, has a heavy musical line-up. Jan Savitt and his Top-Hatters will headline, with Conderson and the Golden Gate Quartet completing the show. Opening comes June 16, 10:30 P.M. EDT, on NBC.

Feed Host His Own Food

Hollywood—It wasn't that dise jockey Bill Anson (left) and leader Lawrence Welk suspected the quality of the food. They just thought Sammy Kaye should have his share of the spread at the cocktail party the threw at the Palladium for the national finals of his "So You Want To Lead A Band" contest. Winner was a high school drummer, Ed Bemis of Springfield, Mass.

By Charles Emge

'Push Button' Picture

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MGM's Joe Pasternak is one of Hollywood's ablest producers of "push button" pictures. In Two Sisters From Boston he was, as usual, out to combine heavy music with light comedy, and he was buzzing his best when he rang for Jimmy Durante, June Allyson, Kathryn Grayson and Lauritz Melchior. That the music turned out to be dull rather than heavy and the comedy often more frothy than light is due to the fact that around a big studio like MGM the wires are bound to get crossed here and there.

The thing I like best about Pasternak's pictures is the consistency with which he adheres to his formula, under which a logical situation must be provided for every musical sequence, even if the situation has no direct connection with the story, as in the case of the best musical sequence in Two Sisters, a supposed re-creation of the incident in which the Victor Talking Machine Co. obtained its trademark ("His Master's Voice"). Melchior is shown recording Walter's Prize Song from Die Meistersinger in an early-day acoustical-process recording studio.

The operatic excerpts in which Melchior and Kathryn Grayson appear are strictly synthetic, mainly because of the difficulties in obtaining motion picture rights to standard operatic works. The music for the opera scenes was cooked up by MGM arrangers from such familiar (and public domain) melodies as Liszt's Liebestraum, snatches from Hungarian folk music (originally snatched by both Brahms and Liszt) and bits from Mendelssohn's Ruy Blas overture and E-Minor Violin Concerto (we hope). It's all done with buttons.

Sound Stage Siftings

Johnny Johnston, whose movie

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Johnny Johnston, whose movie career seemed to end with his Paramount contract, is back in a big way at MGM. He does the role of Ravenel in the Show Boat sequence in the Jerome Kern biografim coming out soon and is now under the personal wing of our friend Joe Pasternak mentioned above.

I have been haunting Producer Jules Levey's office for weeks, awaiting his return from his recent swing around the country, on which he was searching for musical talent for his next picture, Conspiracy in Jazz. Mr. Levey finally got back and I finally quizzed him personally, but all he had to tell me was that he was looking for a new title. He promised to give me the full dope as soon as the "package was all tied up."

Busse Likes His Vocalists



Hollywood—Henry Busse is enthusiastic about the talent of his two new vocalists, both youngsters. Betty Taylor, a Seattle girl, has sung with Bob McGrew and Red Nichols, but Eddie Williams' only experience was a six months engagement with Frankie Masters when he was 16. The Busse band is at the Avodon here currently.

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Carnegie Bash Hits \$4,400

Buck, Trummie, Lester Spark Granz Concert

New York—A howling mob sat through three hours in a muggy, hot Carnegie Hall two weeks ago to hear a concert that satisfied them fully, but left some of the more critical a little uneasy. Last of four weekly Monday night bashes

a little uneasy. Last of four staged by west coast-ite Norman Granz and his Jazz At The Philharmonic, this one had them turned away fifteen minutes before concert time, for the largest gross ever registered by a series jazz concert in Carnegie Hall.

Hipsters will be interested to know that despite the tremendous gross, Granz drew barely \$500 for his profit, after all expenses and commissions—and this Beatster saw the dough counted out on the table. Reason was a \$1,700 talent nut for a starter.

with Buck Clayton, Trummie Young, and Lester Young play-ing superbly. Clayton was even more in front than usual, adding more in front than usual, adding a high note technique, and a brillance of range, in addition to his normally dainty phrasing, that had the brass-men backstage talking to themselves. All three came on later in the show to huge hands on individual solos.

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Jacquet Pleases Crowd
Smash crowd success was tenor saxist Illinois Jacquet, whose driving jazz and high note forensics had the balconies rocking. Right with him as an audience-pleaser was Billie Holiday, who did a quartet of songs in the show's second act.

Musical high-spots of the evening were on Just You Just Me

huge hands on individual solos.

First Group Sour

(tram), Dizzy Gillespie, Ken Kersey (piano), Chubby Jackson, and J. C. Heard (drums) struck this writer as being a really unfortunate group. Somehow they didn't get tuned up right, with group in the struck of the struc

Outside Sidemen

A three-way happy man is hipster Ralph Watkins, shown here in the private, private office of NYC's Kelly's Stables, 52nd Street landmark which he has helped run for years. Ralph's on the triple kick because he just cleared the army, Kelly's is back on a jive kick fter spending its war years on maids rather than music, and that ain't mineral water he's got in each paw, son. Watkins is known to everybody on the Street as a reliable character—and he's well-established, as a glance at those shelves should tell you.



rest.
Second set with Young, Clayton, and Young was much better, though once again the rhythm section, this time Kersey (plano), Doc West (drums), Rodney Richardson (bass), and John Collins (guitar) couldn't seem to make things move at first.

Slam Breaks It Up
Slam Stewart, introduced by
Granz as "the first man to make
another horn out of his instrument" broke things up with his
usual bowing-vocal routine.
Granz will have finished a series of concerts by the time this

New York—Irving Cattler, pre-war Claude Thornhill drummer, out of the Jerry Wald band to rejoin Thornhill replacing Bill Exiner, Betty Bennett has left Claude Thornhill's vocal slot. Guitarist Barry Gailbraith has rejoined the band.

sees print with Clayton, Young, and Jacquet, all present or former members of the Basie band—all of which doesn't leave him on too friendly terms with the Count's retainers.

Latest tale has Jacquet cutting out of the Basie bunch permanently to cast his lot with Granz when the latter goes to France for a concert in August and returns to the States for eight weeks of concerts in October and November.

November.
Granz, in addition to his record deals with Moe Asch's Disc firm profits of which financed his firm profits of which financed his concert activities so far, has been discussing a participation deal with a 52nd street nitery, figuring on installing Les Young, Helen Humes, and Illinois Jacquet as talent—all of whom he manages.

While his production here has not completely lived up to the

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boff advance billing, his last concert showed improvement in lighting and general staging, an added cyclorama helping accustics enormously. Real test of his ability as a four-beat Billy Rose will come in fall when he is strictly on his own, rather than part of the Carnegie Pops package.

Norman Granz Replies

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Main difference between the two sets I would say is that the second set which basically emphasized which basically emphasized group, both with respect to the soloists and the rhythm section. Especially is that true when evaluating the individual stars; it's undeniable that Jacquet was a crowdpleaser, (which proves: if you get the crowd soingin', that's it, and Jacquet always swings) but to me it was equally undeniable that Lester played the best horn. Like the group in which he played, all his playing was understated and relaxed. I would agree with the rest of Mike's criticism with just a little more emphasis on how much Trummic pleased me, and, to a somewhat lesser extent, J. J. Jahason. Diszy, as always, was Diszy, I disagree violently with Mike in that I didn't live up to advance billing re the concerts, because the emphasis on the advance billing was on grosses and that we did live up to As fur as sheer production qualities go, we did all that we possible within the restricted framework of the Carnegie Popi, however as Mike says, wait uself in the Fall when I do them myself, before judgment. before judgment.







After long legal wrangling Benny Goodman finally obtained a release of his managerial contract with the Music Corp. of America because the agency hadn't succeeded in getting a radio program for him. Goodman's new agent has just booked him for a Socony series which, except for Goodman, is a Music Corp. of America package-deal.—quoth The Lyons Den in the New York Post.



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Down Beat, has taken over publicity work for Colosimo's. Ada Leonard and her all-girl band is the current feature.

Kermit Beerkamp has taken over the personal management of the Nat Towles band, now at the Rhumboogie. The Towles and Carl Bean bands inked recording pacts with Tower records to do four sides each.

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Jazz Wax Show On Pitt Radio

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In the week.

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The program is bringing to the public here, in the form of records, many strange names to Smoky Cityites, such as Joe Yukle, Ike Quebec, Illinois Jacquet, Betty Roche, Billy Samuels and many others.

Directly responsible for dreaming the idea was Marty Cohen, energetic publicity director for the station, and former GI.

-Sinbad A. Condelucci





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We explained to him and we think it worthwhile to make elear to you that Down Beat doesn't offer any part of its con-tents commercially except its advertising. Nor does the pur-chase of any amount of ad space in the Beat mean that you will be assured of "real smart" editorial coverage.

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If you want a review of your band, make it a good band with something new under the musical sun, or staff it with crack musicians, or at least come up with the bright hope of a fine unit sometime; we'll be glad to talk it over with you.

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-we're human-we like to look at pretty cute kids, unhappy dogs too-but our primary concern is still music and the people who make it.

There may be times around press-times or late at night when we have to duck answering the mail or all the phone calls right away. And when someone calls in for a list of every record on which Benny Goodman plays, he may get Good man's phone number in reply. But ordinarily we want give you a hand on the Where Is or the Who Dat queries.

Down Beat is the musicians' newspaper—and therefore it is only proper that we can be had—but for worth displayed, not value received.

Benny On Summer Airer: Then To Coast

New York—Benny Goodman, on the Socony radio show until September 2, with the vocal spot probably going to new-comer Eve Young, will work two days in Detroit right afterwards, and then to Hollywood, to return here Oct. 24 probably via a concert date in Chicago.

Religious Album

Los Angeles—Lew Ayers, exmovie actor, has been set by
WM's Charlie Wick as narrator
on an album of Bible stories for
ARA. Ork under Lou Bring will
accompany. Before entering pix
Ayers played guitar with orks
fronted by the late Ray West,
Henry Halstead and other top
baton men here in late 'twentles.

Like Father - -



Chicago—Swinging a tenor imself, Sherman Hayes gives a himself, Sherman Hayes given few pointers on alto sax to Sherman Hayes, Jr. The band which papa leads will be featured for the remainder of the summer at the Bismarck hotel here.



Back To Dizzy

To the Editors:

I just heard a rebroadcast of Woody Herman's show of some weeks back. After hearing that frantic stuff all I can say is give me that good old-fashioned Dizme that good zy Gillespie jive. John N. Vedder

Under-rated Masters

Houston, Texas

To the Editors: We don't get many of the top bands here in Houston but we can keep up with the times by radio, records and reading *Down*

I would like to nominate as the most under-rated band of the year, the band of Frankle Mas-ters. I saw him at a theater here the other day, expecting another corny band. But I was favorably surprised, because Masters' band really jumps on some fine ar-rangements. He has a fine lead

really jumps on some fine arrangements. He has a fine lead alto man, Jim Putnam; and a good jazz tenor, Fritz Moore. The sax section is excellent. He has only five brass, but the section sounds solid and he has good men playing the leads.

The trouble is that Masters uses too many vocals, although they have some pretty good arrangements. If he would let up a little on the commercialism and let his boys go, he'd have one of the finest outfits in the country. I think Down Beat should give some credit to this band. I have heard bands like Jerry Wald, Bobby Sherwood,

WHERE IS?

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ROOSEVELT NICARADO, formerly
with Buddy Rogers
JIMMY KETTERMAN, drammer, believed to be in the Chicago area
DAVID SMALL, tenor sax man, formerly with Carolina Cotton Pickers
and Tiny Bradshaw
BRONSON "RED" FREEMAN, tenor
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BOBBY BEERS, former vocalist with
Lawrence Welk
EMORY "EKE" KENYON, formerly
with Hal Kemp
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Los Angeles 41, Cal.
NIX NIXON, now fronting his own
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JIMMY PUPA, playing lead trumpet
with Charlie Barnet band, Aquarium
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July 30—Hilton Jefferson,
Claude Jones
July 31—George Liberace

George Paxton, Ray Anthony and Buddy Rich and I think this band is just as good or better. George Andrioli

Chick And Ella

Pretoria, South Africa
To the Editors:
Regarding American dance
bands, I reckon very few of them
today are anywhere near the old
Chick Webb band. There was
none of the nauseating stuff that
we get in our present-day commercial numbers. And Ella Fitzgerald! What a voice!

gerald! What a voice!
But today, as always, the good old Duke is right on top. Long may he stay there! As for trumpeters, Taft Jordan still has my backing.

I. Milner

Musical Revolution

Boston, Mass.

Controversy over the use of the ords "jazz" and "swing" is Controversy over the use of the words "jazz" and "swing" is rather stupid, not only because there is no definite meaning to the words, but also because music has gone so far ahead in the last half-dozen years that old values can no longer be maintained with accuracy. Certainly the music of bands such as Boyd Raeburn, Woody Herman and Stan Kenton—not so much their average output, more their unsual and advanced specialties—can't be called jazz bands, or even swing bands! Out of the music men such as Ralph Burns, George Handy and a handful of others are writing today may well come the spark of a nusical revolution—and America may revolution — and America may suddenly find itself leading the world musically with a new and wonderful expression of an in-tellectual and soulful music form.

Fred Manners

RAGTIME MARCHES ON

NEW NUMBERS

PEDERSON—A child to Mr. and Mr. Tommy Pederson, June 8, in New Yeek City. Father is trombonist last with Charlie Barnet.

LAMB—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Dress Lamb, June 2. Father is band leader.

SLACK—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Traille Slack, June 8, in Los Angeles. Father is band leader.

Slack, June 5, in zew recommendation to the band leader, benny Goodman, April 8, and Mrs. Benny Goodman, April 8, New York City, Father is band leader, OSTERMAN—A son to Mr. and Bruce Osterman in Syracuse, New Ley Mother is band wocalist Rosemary in

TIED NOTES

ROBINSON-STUART—Harlan A. Battleson to Mariorie Stuart, former basel size, June 21, in Glendale, Cal.
FOSTER-KIM LOO—Stuart Foster, to-calist with Tommy Dorney, to Pat *Palais*
Kim Loo, of the Kim Loo Sisters, well trio, April 15, in New York City.
BONAGUIDI-HOOKS—John Beasepit Study of the Company of the

Edwards, June 1, in Philadelphia. Bee is singer.

NASH-HUGO—Ted Nash, 22, tener as with Les Brown, to Evelyne Hugo, 3, a Chicago on June 19.

SPITALNY-KAYE—Phil Spitalay, leader, to Evelyn Kaye, violinate-size with his orchestra, June 17, in Harmen, J.

GWYNN-TRINKLE—Easy Gwysn, de Joekey, to Billy Trinkle of WIBC, resin in Indianapolis.

FINAL BAR

RIVERO-Rudy Rivero, clarinet man are 6, in an auto accident in San Antonia

June 6, in an auto accident in Nan American Texas.

KRAMER—Max Kramer, 63, owner of the Lincoin and Edison hotels, ided Just 17 in New York after long illness. It is unrevived by his wife, Maria, and two seas Milton and Nathan.

KLEPPER—Paul Klepper, 52, manager of standard and foreign department of Marka Music Corp., June 11, in New York after several months illness, HOWARD—Mrs. Helen L. Howard, 54, organist and accompanist, May 29, in New York.

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MEVER—Mrs. Elizabeth S. Meyer, the signal of the signal of

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ROYCE—James Royce, 45, sons day 20, in Pontiac, Mich., after rom train. Known as Jismis Shas LOFTUS—Eddle Loftus, 52, old-tiago radio singer, June 5, in Chiosg

Elliot Lawrence Set For Colorful Opening

New York — Elliot Lawrence New York—Elliot Lawrence propening tonight at the Hotel Pennsylvania has bid for a color-ful splash. The young bandleader has spent \$2300 on lucite plastic band-stands with varietic colored lights mounted in the base to give the bandstand a little variety. Current radio gossphas the band a good candidate for the Old Glenn Miller Chester-field radio slot.

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It is known that Purvis was
released on parole some years
ago but his present whereabouts
are unknown. Boyce Brown saw
him one night some months ago
in the Riviera cocktail lounge in
Chicago. Bob McCracken, Chicago clarinetist, heard that Jack
joined the Ferry Command dur-

Has Jazz Bash

Los Angeles—Fran Kelly, op-erator, with Dave Hyltone, for-mer Harry James aide, of Fran-Tone record company, was planning to enter concert promotion field with presentation entitled "Swingposium" at Embassy auditorium here June 24. Stan Kenton was set as emcee.

Performers announced for the June 24 concert included Errol Garner, Red Callender Trio, Vido Musso, Allen Reuss, Irving Ashby, Howard McGhee, Tommy Todd Trio, Dodo Marmarosa.



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Dallas—Besides himself, Johnnie "Scat" Davis, now playing at the Piantstion here, has four other guys in the band named Davis, and only one is a relative, his brother, Art. Here they are, left to right: Teddy "Fats" Davis, hand boy; Art Cross Davis, treasurer; Arthur D. Davis (hrother), trumpet; Johnnie "Scat" Davis, leader, and Ken Davis, trumpet. rator Hand made h

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SUSIE REED

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New York—They laughed when she sat down at the zither. That was before little Susie Reed parlayed her how-to-be-the-life-of-the-party gimmick into a \$35,000 a year vocation, with night club and Carnegie Hall appearances behind her, and a network commercial plus two Victor Red Seal albums in the offing.

And our Susie is still only 19. Susie is the slightly cherubic lass who waddles duck-like to a high stool in the center of the floor of smart Cafe Society Uptown, is handed either a zither or an Irish harp, dutifully announces "This is a zither" or "This is a harp" and then, to her own accompaniment, breaks out in a refreshing, unschooled voice with ancient folk ballads. The sweetness of her manner, the directness of her manner, the directness of her midly spiced lyrics... all of these are arresting in themselves.

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... all of these are arresting in themselves.

As a complete change of pace from the customary highly polished Cafe Society performances, they're dynamite!

The Reed gal is a 100 percent authentic show-world accident. Her songs, picked up in her childhood in the mountain country near Asheville, N. C., were sung for fun. She happened to be at a friend's party one night about a year ago, making with The Old Lady or Golden Vantty or some such when Mrs. John Hammond happened to hear her and passed the good word to Barney Josephson of Cafe Society. After a "sneak" audition (she was afraid to tell her folks about it), Barney promptly hired her for a two month stretch at his Downtown club. From here she went Uptown, where she's been for the last eight months.

It's hard to analyze Susie's music without getting all mixed

It's hard to analyze Susie's music without getting all mixed up with her non-musical quali-

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ties. It's her demureness, her "average" looks, her strange in-struments and unconventional songs, the whole incongruity of that; as much as her voice, account for her success.

Susie has purity, body, flavor when her naturally high voice is in the upper register. It's when she goes down that she begins to waver and shake and emit some abortive sounds. Her playing of harp and zither is, incidentally, rudimentary.

DOWN BEAT'S DECISION: A sweet, natural person with a personality that has the audience on her side every time. No competition, vocally, for balladeers John Jacob Niles, Richard Dyer Bennett or Burl Ives; but, withal, very competent and altogether pleasing. An intensive stretch of voice training would help Susie, if she'd guard against acquiring a "schooled" voice.

Susie Reed Replies

"I do not wish to enswer."



(Press Agent's Explanation: "Susie thought the review critically accurate but objected severely to her walk being described as 'duck-like.' She also wondered about being unfavorably compared to the three singers mentioned and about the suggestion that she have schooling. Susie says she's the only one of the group to have had schooling.")

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Through the Looking Glass



(as reflected by got)

Second of a series of intimate shots of name musicians by Bill Gottlieb, as reflected in their dressing room mirrors, is Glen Gray, leader of Casa Loma, posed during his recent engagement at the New York Paramount theater. No character is Mr. Gray, but a substantial pillar of the community, as shown by the absence of loud ties and trick suits, and the presence of a huge bag of golf clubs, a business-like smoking pipe and a neat portable office unfolded at the right.



One of the early ambitions of Frankle Carle, currently at the Hollywood Palladium, was to be a professional prizefighter. He did quite a lot of professional boxing in his early teens, taking part in some 100 bouts around Providence, R. I., his home town.

Providence, R. I., his home town. Jay McShann and his boys arrived in Los Angeles, June 29, for a four-week engagement at the Plantation Club. While on the coast he expects to record his Rebop Mix-Up for Mercury. Jay has been featuring the tune during his recent tour of the south. . Sam Saxe, prominent Boston teacher, now in Hollywood where he plans to reside permanently. In recent years Sam has been associated with the New England Conservatory. Included among his former students are Joe Lippman, Bob Kitsis, Danny Hurd and Arnold Ross. . . Incidentally, Ross, in addition to his regular

work with Harry James, has recently cut records with Charlie Ventura, Willie Smith, Helen Humes and an album of solo sides.

Mary Lou Williams, vacationing after a busy season in New York where she was featured at Cafe Society Uptowes, and on a weekly radio program called the Mary Lou Williams Work Shop aired via WNEW. She also worked frequent recording dates, numerous benefits and gave a concert at Town Hall which was so successful that she is nowe considering a nation-wide confect tour for next fall. . Bill Straub back with his former boss, a Larry Clinton, for two recording dates at Cosmo last month. Straub, a member of Clinton's pre-war bond, has been teaching in New York and works weekends at Sartid's on Long Island with a trio (Milt Thomas, accordion-vibes; Ed Wulf, bass).

Floyd Bean was at the keyboard when his cousin Carl Bean brought his fine territory band

board when his cousin Carl Bean board when his cousin Carl Bean brought his fine territory band into Chleago to make a series of records for Master. . . Bill Otto, who has been jobbing and taking out bands since his release from the army, joined Henry Brandon when he opened at the Edgewater Beach last month. . The band recently did a recording date for Imperial with Bill's piano spotted on several sides inpiano spotted on several sides in-cluding What Can You Do With A Broken Heart, a promising a Broken Heart, a promising original penned by Mort Schaef-fer of Dayton.

(Mail for Sharon Pease should be sent direct to his teaching studies, Suite 715, Lyon & Healy Bidg., Chicago, Ill.)

Liuzzi And Scola Are Re-elected In Philly

Philadelphia—Frank Liuzzi and Guy Scola were recently elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Philadelphia AFM union... The Red Caps, sizzling instrumental combo now laying them in the aisles at the Cove, will soon release some Decca platters, an album of Gershwin no less... Selma Gale. local platters, an album of Gershwin no less. . . Selma Gale, local thrush, and Jerry Field, sax man with Elliot Lawrence, are a wedding date. . . . Beresford Shepherd, drummer, was picked up by Cab Calloway during his engagement at the Coronet. . . Spike Jones' cornorchestra corraled the services of no less a long hair than Nancy McDonald, former harpist for the Philadelphia Orchestra. . . Dick Thomas, cowboy singer, has just been admitted to ASCAP membership. He authored Sioux City Sue.

Dates In East **Upset Kenton** Disc Schedule

Los Angeles—Stan Kenton ork here for date at Casa Mannas starting July 9 and long sting of platter dates for Capitol records and transcriptions, will be forced to go east in August despite efforts of Carlos Gastel, Kenton manager, to buy off commitments for that month at Cedar Point (Sandusky, Ohio) and at Detroit's Eastwood Gardens. Gastel wanted to keep band here to lay up back log of warlings against possibility of Petrillo's nixing all platter work for AFMusicians with expiration of pact with major platteries on January 1.

Louis Jordan Reopens 400

New York—Soaring Louis Jor-dan and his Tympany Five will headline the reopening of the 400 Restaurant when it unshuters Sept. 6 for the 46-47 season. The Modernaires with Paula Kelly are also slated for the fall opening with Randy Brooks orchestrajoining them as the "extra added attraction."

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Top billing for the small unit in the big name 5th avenue spot comes as recognition for the fine job Louis has done on records and theater dates. Only other Negro band to have hit the 400 was Duke Ellington who, indentally, recently preceded Jordan at the Paramount theater.

The Modernaires and Randy Brooks are doing a series of summer one-nighters prior to the Sept. 6 opening.

Davison Crew On 52nd Street

New York — Trumpeter Wild Bill Davison debuted a six-piece band at the Keyboard club on 52nd street June 27, according to plans at press time. Art Hodes, jazz 88er, was penciled to open as an alternate act with Davi-son's crew

as an alternate act with Davison's crew.

Personnel for the Davison band includes Sid Harwitz, piano; Joe Barafaldi, clarinet; Herb Ward, bass; Ed Piering, tram, and Stan Krell, drums. Krell is a former Richard Himber thumper.

Ernie Anderson, Eddie Condon's Man Friday, has denied that there was any ill feeling between Wild Bill and Condon.

Davison was replaced in Condon's band by Max Kaminsky.

N. Y. Parks To Be Filled With Music

New York—The Parks department here continued the program of summer park dance that it has run in the past with Johnny Bothwell slated to work tomorrow at Victory Field (Queens), July 3 at Poe Park, and July 5 at Prospect Park (Brooklyn). Dizzy Gillespie sei in the act July 8 at Colonial Park, while July 9 puts Dean Hudson on the Jackson Heights Playground bandstand. Saxie Dowell is at Poe Park on July 16, while Shorty Sherock pulls down two days, July 11-12, at Central Park and Prospect Park.

San Diego—Dave Willis chouse band at Mission Beaballroom during past season, doing a tour of one-niters amilitary and naval bases in western states via C-46 air transpor



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Swing In Schooltime Pays

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New York—Hookey paid off here on June 5 when 80 Nassun High School students, hatoned by Long Beach music supervisor Glenn E. Brown, presented a two hour Swing In Schooltime program at Town Hall. The concert, a culmination of several years promotion of popmasic as respectable stuff, showested fred Waring and Bob Shaw choral arrangements plus Will Hudson's scoring of Kenton's Artistry jamps, despite rehearsal handicaps imposed by mixed support from Nasau County music educators. Some individual teachers at the various schools, out of jealousy or horror, nixed the entire production, forcing the students to cut classes for the daytime rehearsals, held in Long Beach.

"Square As A Cube"

New York—Herbie Fields has been signed by Victor and is

New York—Herbie Fields has been signed by Victor and is slated to cut his first four sides early in July.

"Gee," moaned one white-coated sideman before the performance, "at Hempstead High, they won't even let us play saxonhones."

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"Yeah." added one teen-ager,
"our schools are really square."
"Like a box," added a fem member of the 40-odd choral group.
"No," added a hornman, "more
like a cube."

Despite the scholastic stoppages, Brown's band played with
a real professional flair, especially when the large, unweldy
group could get moving on a
jump tune. On the more melodic
numbers, Brown's reluctance to
drop some of the enthusiastic
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Brass Sounds Well

Of all the sections, the brass sounded well on B-19 and NoName Jive, with top solo work from John Ross (tram) and Bill Strickland (trumpet) both of tong Beach High, Musical best of course was Brown himself on vibes, who leads a six piece unit at the San Susan near Mineola, N. Y., in his spare time, having fluffed a contract with Fred Warnig six years ago to fulfill his original teaching contract.

Other ork-men who drew plaudits were Fazola-looking Sam (Long Beach High) Staff, on alto, Dick (Hempstead High) Bohem on piano, guitarist Ray (Sewanhaha) Pulaski, and bassist Bert Mayerson from Long Beach, Vocalist Leila Greenwood from Malverne drew the only encore of the evening for her The Boy Next Door, more a compliment to her red-haired looks than the singing itself.

Long Beach Swings

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For classrooms, Brown sticks to classical, with pops coming after hours. Long Beach however has its own swing band and gives two swing and two classical concerts a year, at which jazz outdraws longhair four to one!

In his program notes, Brown



Trade Tattle RECORDS

Ted Nash, Les Brown tenor man, led a pick-up group for Savoy. First four sides cut are Over The Rainbon, Cocktails For Two, Annie Laurie and Margie. Nash played alto on last side. Sonny Skylar has signed with Mercury. . . Other pacts find Noro Morales with Majestic, Una Mae Carlisle with Savoy and Jerry Sellers with Sonora.

Tito Guizar left Victor for Mercury while Mercer Ellington joined Pappy under the Musicraft label. Mercer's contract is for three years and calls for, successively, 12, 16 and 20 sides per year.

LOCATIONS

written for a six month period went to Jose Iturbi this month. The concert planist got \$118,-029.26 from RCA Victor as his cut of sales.

Sanford Gold cut eight plano solos for Savoy.

Savoy records coming up with a Fats Waller Memoriam session with I Can't Give You Anything But Love and other tunes done by a band made up of tenorman Gene Sedric, planist Una Mae Carlisle, drummer Slick Jones, and other musicians associated with the late great Fats.

LOCATIONS

Wildwood, N. J., June 28, and will remain through Labor Day.

Tiny Grimes with Trummie Young remains at the Three Deuces, 52nd st., 'ill September.

Ray Perry is currently at the Bengazi in D.C. . . . Dave Rivera is doing a single at Ceruttis. . . . Earle Warren has hit the Savoy in Boston . . . Joe (plano) Turner is playing the Alpha Lounge in Troy till July 9 . . . Plano-mae-stro Frank Roth and orchestra will make the Wopowog Lodge, East Hampton, Conn., their summer home. Three-WOR-Mutual wires a week are part of the deal.

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Oliver W. Nicoll has joined Cosmo as director of program development. Nicoll is responsible for "Der Bingle" tag for Bing Crosby. It was part of his work as deputy chief of Broadcasting in the ETO for the OWI.

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Vic Sets Ork As B'way Queries Lombardo Split

New York-Rumored on again, New York—Rumored on again, off again, for the past few weeks, the Victor Lombardo band has been definitely formed and at press time was rehearsing at the Ringle studios here. First job is a one-week break-in date in Massachusetts to be followed by ten weeks at the Ross-Fenton farms in New Jersey.

The head bendled by GAC will

The band, handled by GAC, will be 14 pieces with Barbara Johnson and Bill Schalle handling the vocals.

the vocals.

GAC's Don Seat, who has been working to iron out early kinks, said that many New York hotel offers had fallen in already and, although nothing had been set as yet, four of the major recording companies, including Capitol, had tossed feelers Vic's way.

In write of the local was in that

In spite of the local gossip that the break came from hard feel-ings between Victor and the oth-er Lombardo brothers, Down Beat was told that the clan

Joe's N.O. Jazz

New York—It's happened and it's no joke, son. Joe Marsala's Qld Timers have recorded Clarinet Marmalade and Tiger Rag, starring the Bobby Hackett trumpet. The sides, produced by Savoy, at Joe's insistence are marked: "Dedicated To Leon Rappolo".

wasn't laughing on the outside etc., over the spit. In fact, they say it's wonderful and that Guy has given much help in the or-ganizational planning for Vic's venture. venture.

Still, Broadway gagsters, unable to take the schism lying down, offered GAC this idea for Victor's posters:

a wonderful GUY victor LOMBARDO

Close observers say the band will maintain many of the known Lombardo touches yet will be more modern than Guy's crew.

Sedric Into Village

lowa Girls Get Song Plug



Iowa City—On a recent visit here, Tiny Hill agreed to plug a new song, Swing It, written by Luella Tomlin (left) with lyrics by Mildred Switzer (right). The band may swing the song, the song may even swing the band, but they'll never swing Tiny, known as "America's biggest band leader".

New York—Gene Sedric, former Fats Waller saxist, has taken tures Lincoln Mills, trumpet; drums. Jones also is a former his combo into The Place club Freddie Jefferson, piano; Danny Wallerite.

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Mutual music is currently reviving an old favorite, If Yowere The Only Girl. Tune was composed by Clifford Grey and Nat D. Ayer.

Azusa, a new novelty tune by Sammy Gallop and Guy Wood is one of Leeds' new releases. Tune has been recorded by the Andrews Sisters for Decca, Tuny Pastor for Cosmo, and Bob Chester for Sonora. Her Bathing Sulverer Got Wet is also new on firm's list. Writers Nat Simon and Charlie Tobias composed it and the Andrews Sisters have cut it for Decca.

Forster music is reviving Harry Stoddard-Marcy Klauber's Get The Blues When It Rains, Arcadia Valley's latest plug is I'm A Slap Happr Cappr (A Vasbond Pappr). Jack Chapman, Mevin Dinger and Ted Jones combined talents to pen this novelty fox-tret. The newcomers on the Santy-Joy list are Surrender and My Fickle Eye is a Ray Gilbert-Sidney Brooks for Decca, and Wood Herman for Columbia. My Fickle Eye is a Ray Gilbert-Sidney Miller number and has been waxed by Betty Hutton for Victor, Evelyn Knight for Decca, and Jack Smith and the Demarco Sisters for Majestic.

Irving Berlin's firm is plugging his tune, Doing What Comes waxed by Betty Hutton for Victor, Evelyn Knight for Decca, and Jack Smith and the Demarco Sisters on Majestic, and Jan Shore on Columbia. Treddy Martin on Victor, Jimay Dorsey on Decca, the DeMarco Sisters on Black and White.

Bell Song has just released laft Knock Ourselves Out writes by Juan Tizol, trombone player with Harry James, and Jimmy Devis.

And Then It's Heaven is the newest plug on Remick's list. Edde Selier, Sol Marcus and Al Kaufman collabed on it.

A new English ballad, Melody, by writers Hugh Charles and Sonny Miller is being published by Mills.

Yep Roc Her-e-si composed by Silm Gaillard and Lee Ricks has been recorded for Atomic by Silm Gaillard and Lee Ricks has been recorded by Guy Lombarde in the New Miller music release.

The Doodle Song is the current plug on Feist's list. Helen Miller, Syn Whitman, and George Good win combined talents to write it Ralph Blane, Kay Thompson and George Stoll collabed to pen



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Columbia Records, a very enterprising concern at times, has just re-hired George Avakian to get its re-issue series into shape for fall or early winter production. While George is prowling around in some of timing the state of the fine things Columbia has, its left over from period '40. Sech as the wonderful Lena Hornered Wilson Prisoner of Love, or the two-sided Red Allen Sometimes I'm Happy. Or maybe Basie's Back Door Romp, with Billie Holiday's It's A Sin To Tell A Lie, Until The Real Thing Comes Along, and I Blue, and I Cover The Waterfront tossed in for good measure. Just to keep things interesting there are the Eddie South sides, or the Claude Thornhill Stealth' Apples. Cootle Williams has Sleepy Valley, Fly Right, and Marquita amongst others, while there is a two-sided Teddy Wilson Of Jitterbug Stomp plus his own Mop-Mop, all with the old small band which have never been released.

And in case there are any gaps in the release schedule, I will gladly settle for an album of the wonderful sides the Red Norvo band did from 1936 to 1938. Smoke Dreams with Mildred Balley still has enough on it ten years later to scare Boyd Raeburn.

Hot Jax

Hot Jazz

Wingy Mannone

III Tin Roof Blues
III If I Could Be With You

Here's another ex-Ellingtonite who sounded so much better when he was with Duke. Not his playing, so much, but because the backgrounds high-lighted him so much better. When Cootle plays the third-story passages, he still has an exciting tone, despite the Cab Callowayish scatting of the band in back of him. Balance is very badhythm sounds hollow, and the record was pressed off-center. I'm sure Cootle is financially way better off on his own—but artistically I'm not too sure. Me is an Eddie Vinson-vocaled blues, with some good background figures added. (Capitol 266)

Wingy Mannone Bob Crosby Orchestra

II The General Jumped At Dawn II Big Fat Ma, Skinny Pa

Last time I heard the Jimmy fing since it lists Cole Porter as co-author of the famous oldie, which is something kept well-hidden up until now. Wingy plays it according to the old tradition: piano tremolo, gutty trombone, and even the famed old Aunt Hager's Blues figure tacked on for good measure. I've heard the Wing himself though, when there was more bite to the playing. You is dueted between Wingy and Kay Starr, with Man-

Symbol Key

Tops Tasty Pleasing

Boring

Down Beat is now using symbols to tell you at a glance something about each record reviewed by "Mix", who, of course, is Michael Levin.

Rex Stewart

Rex Stewart

Ill Boy Meets Horn

Ill Jug Blues

Horn is the same sort of thing
Rex has been doing with the
tune for the past nine years, and
his little band fills in well, though
like all ex-Ellingtonites he misses
the opulent backgrounds from
the big band. Blues has some
of that bass-trumpet gagging
around which Rex favors, and a
surprising bit to the last chorus.
(Mercury 8001)

Dickie Wells' Big Seven

Pickle Wells' Big Seven

J Red Rock
J We're Through

This combo is the J. C. Heard band, with Dickle's trombone, Cecil Scott (baritone), and Jimmy Crawford at drums added. Rock, a be-boppish Buck Clayton score, is just one of those sides that didn't. Through is better-thanordinary support of Sarah Vaughan's vocaling, and she is seldom less than better. HRS 1019)

Albert Ammons

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If Boogie Woogie At The Civic Opera

I Doin' The Boogie Woogie
Alded by rhythm, Al does here what he recorded eight years ago for Blue Note under the name Boogie Woogie Stomp. Same tempo, mostly the same ideas, and the same touch and technique. Granted that unlike most BW experts, his playing always has life and vigor, and is seldom sloppy, there's still a strong need for some changes. (Mercury 8007)

Jack McVea

Jack McVea

Repeat here on the Ammons review: boogie used as a form only for itself can become boring and repetitious. Its only real justification is as a change to straight flat four-four tempo within a band. Saving grace to these sides is that playing with a small band, tenorman McVea

keeps them on a relaxed, easy beat, more often a shuffe rhythm than real b.w. (Black And White Album 54)

Mahlon Clark Sextette

III Can't We Be Friends
III East Lynne Jump

Funny coincidence: record before had an arrangement chunk that sounded like the old BG record. Here claryist Clark sounds like BG himself. There is no aping, it's merely that his conception and tone at the beginning of the record bear the Goodman influence. There are actually six men on the disc, extra sideman playing straight guitar behind the electric solo. Along about the fourth chorus the beat pricks up its ears and goes. Jump is the sort of close-bitten phrase that the Shaw Gramercy 5 used to play all the time. No slams meant at Clark though — he needs no-one on whom to lean. (Jewel R-5001)

The Jacque Rabbits

II Illinois Stomp
II Ladies' Lullaby

Illinois Jacquet sells best when he is being frantic, and these sides don't achieve the peaks he gets in person. Nice to notice that for a change the two "head" tunes are credited to the whole band, instead of to just the leader. (ARA 144)

BEST BETS

Hot Jazz

If I Could Be With You Wingy Mannone and Kay By Wingy Mar Starr (ARA)

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By Sam Donahue (Capitol)

Dance In Apple Blossom Time By Elliot Lawrence (Columbia)

No Wan Is An Island
By Orson Welles (Decca)

Vocal What Is This Thing Called Love
By Billie Holiday (Decca)

Harry Carney's Big Eight

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| It | Shadowy Sands |
| It | Jamalea Ramble |
| When planist Jimmy Jones arranged Sands, he told me you just can't keep from sounding like Duke with Eilington men in your band. This one has Carney (?) playing a lovely bass clarinet against a quasi-beguine background with Larry Brown's trombone, Otto Hardwick's clary, and Ted Nash (Les Brown) sounding against Jones, Billy Taylor (bass), and Jim Crawford (drums). This is both pretty and distinguished scoring. Ramble (Modulate to Page 16)



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(Jumped from Page 15)
has an amusing piano triplet effect of the sort Duke uses to buck his rhythm section—it almost tosses bassman Billy Taylor second time round. Jones certainly has a fine ear for harmonic piano. Ted Nash and Larry Brown both have good bits, making it a successful date. (HRS 1021)

Benny Goodman

III Rattle And Roll
II On The Alamo

This started out as Buck Clayton's tune, but somewhere in the factory BG's and Count Basie's name got on the label. Title comes from the drum snatch played by Buddy Rich leading into the ensemble figure. Powell has more of the Wilson "hop" to his playing than ever—and that sure ain't wrong. Trumpet solo has more of the whole has playing than ever—and that sure ain't wrong. Trumpet solo sounds like Bernie Previn BG's passage is as sure-footed and liquid as ever—but all in all, all the previous passage with the previous properties of the previous properties and the previous properties and the previous properties and the previous properties and the previous previ nothing new or extraordinary

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happens with the band and from him, it should. Alamo has pretty blend, but the band slows down noticeably behind the Art Lund vocal. Both Powell and BG have choruses to good effect. (Colum-bia 36988)

Swing

Billy Butterfield

II Billy The Kid
II Whatta Ya Goin Do

Turntable seems to have wobbled plus a little off-center pressing to make Bill Stegmeyer's opening clary passage sound tone-shaky on this, the first platter of the Butterfield band. Capitol's New York recordings just don't seem to come out as well technically as do their Coast jobs. Band sounds punchful, but more discs will have to come out for a fair judgment. Second side, sung by Allan Wylle, is likewise bothered by balance. (Capitol 265)

Opie Cates

Sheik Of Araby

All The Cats Join In

Pretty conventional arranging here, and the clarineting Cates is no stellarite. In is by far the better side, with a better beat and more interesting background ideas. Bass man sounds well. (4 Star 1102)

Sam Donahue

SSS Dinah SS Take Five

The old jazz standbye, taken at that Donahue Lunceford-tempered rock which swings like the well-oiled gate. Balance is somewhat murky, but it can't hide the tremendous drive of the brees section on the final obres. hide the tremendous drive of the brass section on the final chorus. There should be some collectors' records coming from this band before long. Five has a Mynell Allen vocal. Gal has an excellent beat, but tries so hard she clams her tone up now and then. (Capital 260)

Lionel Hampton

Airmail Special (Part 1)
Airmail Special (Part 2)

There is such a thing as taking figures and playing them at such a murderous tempo that sections sweat just to get the notes out, let alone give them the free phrasing that makes them swing. That's what happened here. Part is really bad—a collection of disorganized solos in front of sloppily-played riffs. The band slows down until Hamp's solo when it starts to speed again. Side 2 is not much better save

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for a few good things Hamp plays at the opening. The ending sounds like the hammering a tonic chord takes at the end of a classical symphony. Listen to the old Goodman Columbia for lesson on how this riff can sound. (Decca 18880)

Alvino Rey

\$\$\ Bumble Boogie
\$\$\ Sepulveda

Man, that bee must be flyin' to flee, he's been done so many times lately. This is the sort of thing J. Dorsey has specialized in for years, but Rey faces stern competition from speedsters like Les Paul when he tries this sort of thing. Band's playing is clean but heavy. Reverse, a Route 66 deal, points up the difference between Capitol's West and East coast recording studios. The balance is as slick as a Hodges solo. (Capitol 262)

Jimmie Lunceford

∫ Jay Gee ∫∫ Sit Back And Ree-lax

It's a strange situation when you have to turn to the Donahue band to hear the feeling for phrasing which this band made famous—there just isn't enough left any more. Fiven yet Joe left any more. Even vets Joe Thomas and Ed Wilcox don't Thomas and Ed Wilcox don't sound the same—or improved. Ree-lax is the better of the two sides, because the band takes its own advice. (Majestic 1353)

Count Basie

II High Tide
II Lazy Lady Blues

Tide opens with a muted trumpet-clary figure that gets over unfortunately because of overmiking of the clary. Last quarter goes from the famed Basie rhythm section into a solo bit for Rudy Rutherford's clary, ensemble, and out. Blues has a couple of choruses of trombone with some unusual idea. The couple of choruses of trombone with some unusual ideas. The lyrics sung by Jimmy Rushing build up to the big climax when Rush sings "Too tired to lay her body down and die" and stops right after the infinitive. (Co-lymbia, 3690) body down as right after the lumbia 36990)

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not ordinarily associated with band music to show everybody in this country how to play our own Sousa. It's been said for years that everybody plays marches like they're going to their own funeral. Listen to the last part of this record after the trio—the whole NBC Symphony practically takes off and files—why this disc would run Merle Evans and the Ringling band right out of the tent! (Victor 11-9188)

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Dance

Emil Coleman

A Rhumba At The Waldorf

Carlos Molina

1 Rhumba

Last issue there was a bad waitz album. This time there are two bad rhumba albums. When does anybody who likes to dance get a break? Coleman's album has some lovely tunes but Orchids In The Moonlight is usually played as a tango, and in any event, his renditions lack, as those of Molina, the bite and the fire that makes good Latin-America music so much to listen and dance to.

America music so and dance to.

Maybe the problem with them is the same as with a good jazz outfit: they feel they have to play down to the audience to

outh: they feel they have to play down to the audience to make a living.

Mebbe so—but I think there are enough people in this country who like good rhumbas to rate a shot at it on records, instead of this insipid stuff. (De-Luxe Album 17, Capitol Album BD 25)

Clyde McCov

Baby What You Do To Me There's Good Blues Tonight

These Vogue records do everything but play themselves— though frankly the artwork, col-orful as it is, could be much more modern and less like the old bar-ber shop calendars. Only trou-ble so far is that the music is not ble so far is that the music is not top-notch and there are occasional bubbles that interfere with the record surface. McCoy's band isn't nearly as corny as it used to be, though his own playing hasn't changed a whit—Baby sounds a lot like the old shuffle-rhythm Savitt band in tone, mostly because of the unison reeds and trombones used. On Blues vocalist Billie Jane Benett should open her mouth more and not swallow her syllables so. (Vogue R-752)

Elliot Lawrence

III In Apple Blossom Time
II Strange Love

Score one for this record: a good use of French horns, and flossy intro on Time. Score two: use of an oboe, though there could be quibbles on some of the passing tones. Comparison with Thornhill is inevitable specially because Lawrence's piano attack is so similar—but I suspect the two bands will develop quite dif-

This is a smart programming idea: 8 tunes, each involving a different flower, and running from fox-trot through waltzes, tangos, and rhumba. Playing is better than on Stanley's waltzes, but it still is very very heavy for dance music. Golly, does grabbing a girl around the waist, and maxing with the feet have to be as grim a business as all these bandleaders seem to want to make it? (Sonora Album MS 480)

Jan Savitt

II All The Time
II Pre Never Forgotten

There are times when that coast echo chamber method of recording can get out of handfor example the clary start of Time where he sounds as though he were recording in Mammoth Cave. Arrangements, playing tempos, and Rob Pawdents. Cave. Arrangements, playing tempos, and Bob D'Andrea's work calings are all very comp

Erskine Hawkins

II I've Got A Right To Cry
II Don't Say You're Sorry Again

Laura Washington sounds lite Ida James did when she first started with Earl Hines. Tune, by Joe Liggins, won't be another Honeydripper, but with the exception of an out-of-tune alto, the record makes a pleasant dance side. Again has a fine idea—clarinet against concerto-style bass to lead off, going into Jimmy Mitchelle's vocal. Both sides are the best commercial bets Hawkins has had lately. (Victor 20-1902)

Tommy Dorsey

II I Don't Know Why
II Remember Me

Typical glossy TD performance, with a well-written red chorus spotted in Why. Some of Stu Foster's low tones are a trifle harsh though. (Victor 2-1901)

Leo Reisman

I've Got The Sun In The Morning II Got Lost In His Arms

Reisman usually makes good dance music. These are noiser and with less taste than most of his. Vocalist Marjorie Knapp overphrases and has the Niesmand throatiness which is supposed to be sexy but often seems soupy. (Decca 18861)

Kay Kyser

II Love An Old Fashioned So II You're The Cause Of It All

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Peggy Lee

Ill Linger In My Arms A Little
Longer Baby
Ill Baby You Can Count On Me
Peggy Lee's Baby points up the
review later about Miss Stafford.
Peggy doesn't have all of Stafford's technical equipment—but
her singing is undeniably more
acceptable emotionally. Peggy's
husband Dave Barbour certainly
plays pretty and melodic guitar.
There's a wonderful trick second
chorus double time with guitar
and clary playing harmony figures while plano plays the hulls,
coming back to some excellent
jump time. Barbour has lost
none of his feeling for delicate
music. (Capitol 263)

Ginny Simms

If My Melancholy Baby
If I Live But To Love You
This is good competent singing, but it gives me no kick what so ever. There's no feeling of individuality rather one of almost over-schooling. That problem of vibrato control is still there too. You by the way is extracted from the Franck Symphony, surprising it didn't happen before. (ARA 146)

Frank Sinatra

Ill Something Old, Something New
Ill From This Day Forward
New has what sounds like an Eddie Miller tenor sax chorus between the as-usual expert threatings of Sinatra. One of his linacks seems to be the same thing Bing learned: singing a song easily without making a production out of every phrase. (Columbia 36987)

Eddy Howard

?! She's Funny That Way
!! The Rickety Rickshaw Man
Howard is singing much better
than he used to—less quavering
and better phrasing. The ork has
that old tenor-band swell back
of him. (Majestic 7192)

Wilmouth Houdini

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If The Calypso Way
If Gin and Coccanus Water
Writer of the current Fitzgerald-Jordan rave Stone Cold
Dead, Houdini gives brief instruction in the art of the calypso, including a delightful line:
"Haven't you heard of Calypso
Joe, love-love-love by Guy Lombardo" — that one has been
worrying me for the past ten
minutes. (Decca 23543)

The Dinning Sisters

I The Iggedy Song
Il Love On A Greyhound Bus
Louis Jordan's reaction when
he saw the lead-sheet on Song
was "Oh my goodness." I agree
with him—novelty songs like this
probably make lots of dough and
drive everyhody crazy in the processes. Sisters should watch their
esses. They siss a little overly,
shows up on Bus. (Capitol 261)

Billie Holiday

Sti What Is This Thing Called
Love

111 Don't Explain

Billie has sung better than on
Love—both her tone and phrasing have been surer. But it's still
far better than the mill-run stuff
you usually hear. Whoever the
lead alto man on the date is, he's

melodic treatment with a vocal by Michael Douglas. All has chesty-voiced Lucyann Polk doing a quieted-down version of Anita O'Day's singing—with a spot of good bassing back of the bridge. (Columbia 36989)

Vocal

fine—reeds really bend. The beat is good, but the strings sound a little uneasy about the whole thing. Saxes could have been heard to better advantage too. Explain is credited to Billie and Art Herzog, the tale of the guy who can get away with murder. Billie sings it as though she means it. (Decca 23565)

Jo Stafford

Je Stafford

Ill Pie Never Forgotten
An up-tempoed version of the oldie credited to Johnny Mercer, Paul Weston, and Jo, this one has King Cole on 88, Ray Linn (trumpet), Herbie Haymer-tenor sax, and the Paul Weston ork. Cole plays some top ideas, including a key modulation so fast it's gone before you even get with it. Band's backing is really crisp. This is one time when a good singer gets crowded to the edge, her support is so good. This record should be whirling in the Jukes for a long time. Forgotten points up once again that Stafford almost never makes a mistake: she phrases well, sings well, sounds well, and is a thoroughly good musician herself—and yet there is a touch of coldness in her style that keeps it from being a musical boff. (Capitol 259) tol 259)

The Pied Pipers

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Il Remember Me

Ill Walk It Off

Most noticeable thing about this disc is that it is another good vocal disc from an outfit that already put out four of 'em this week. House director Paul Weston certainly keeps the musical backgrounds at a consistently high level too. Opening of Off sounds exactly like some of the things Weston did for TD. Pipers have a fine beat even if their blend gets a little sharp sometimes. (Capitol 264)

Connee Boswell

If Who Told You That Lie
If Pm Gonna Make Believe
It's either this record, or else
lately Connee's inflection has
been getting a touch hard. Paulette Sisters support her. (Decca 18881)

Paul Robeson

You've all heard Robeson and know the power and dignity of his voice, and the slight heaviness that is its only fault. Enlivening factor on these sides is Robeson's using of his accompa-

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Al Goodman

II The Girl That I Marry—Who Do You Love I Hope

Moonshine Lullaby—I Got The Sun In The Morning

This is another of these 12 inchers which, by its trick label and artist setup beats the regular OPA price. Goodman gives them usual show treatment, though the arrangements are only so-so. Best vocal on the sides is Audrey Marsh's on Lullaby. (Victor 460002)

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